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Programme of work*

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The Working Group may wish to consider the following:

1. To meet once a week to address certain aspects of the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "An Agenda for Peace" (A/47/277-S/24111), with a view to preparing a draft resolution to be adopted by the General Assembly before it adjourns in December.

2. To take into account the scope and progress attained in the relevant organs and subsidiary bodies. A paper dated 16 November 1992 has been prepared by the Secretariat to serve this purpose.

3. To request, through the President of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee to consider expeditiously the recommendations related to the financial aspects of "An Agenda for Peace".

4. To maintain appropriate coordination and an overview of all issues pertaining to "An Agenda for Peace" in order to ensure an integrated and comprehensive approach.

5. To maintain regular contact and coordination with the Security Council.

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* Approved at the third meeting of the Working Group, on 17 November 1992.

6. To draw as appropriate upon the views, advice and expertise of the chairmen of the relevant bodies involved in the consideration of related issues as well as the members of the Secretariat.

7. To accord priority consideration to the issues that are generally accepted to yield early agreement.

8. To resume early in January 1993 and intensify its consideration of the other proposals contained in "An Agenda for Peace".

9. To initiate, at an appropriate time, a first discussion of the other proposals contained in "An Agenda for Peace" in order to explore ways and means to take action on those proposals which command widespread agreement.

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10. The exchange of views in the Working Group and the consultations conducted with many delegations have reflected a general interest to begin the substantive examination with the topic of "Preventive diplomacy". Paragraph 20 of "An Agenda for Peace" defines preventive diplomacy as "action to prevent disputes from arising between parties, to prevent existing disputes from escalating into conflicts and to limit the spread of the latter when they occur". The examination of this topic should therefore encompass all proposals in "An Agenda for Peace" which are relevant to the strengthening of the United Nations and the enhancing of its capacity to deal with the prevention of international conflicts and disputes.